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PROGRAMME OF SOCIETY EVENTS
AGM & Annual Auction

Saturday 24 April 2004, London venue to be confirmed in the March issue.

Please send list of auction lots to Simon Goldblatt at 39 Essex Street, London WC2 by mid January.

Golden Jubilee 2004

Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October 2004.

The Circle will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2004 and is planning a two-day event at the Royal Philatelic Society on Saturday 30 October and at Spink on Sunday 31 October, with a dinner on the intervening evening. More details to follow in the March issue.

EDITOR'S NOTES

After much investigation of costs and logistics, it has been agreed that we will attempt to print the Bulletin ourselves with some colour illustrations. The printing will be undertaken by Peter Ford in Spain (for colour) and myself (for Black & White), with finishing and distribution from the UK. The first (and hopefully not last) issue will appear in March 2004, our 200th Golden Jubilee edition. I have two juicy articles lined up – Michael Medlicott with Trinidad Too Late and Eric Bateson with Stamps on Covers. After that issue I am starting to run dry of material so please get working and send me some stunning articles for inclusion next summer / autumn.

Members

It is with sadness that I have to report the recent death of Fred Seifert, who we profiled in our December 2002 issue and Clary Holt our North American Representative for the past 10 years. Clary, on several occasions, made the long trek with B from N Carolina to our Leamington Convention and charmed everyone. I particularly remember one occasion when he telephoned and left a message with my wife which she described him as having a 'Rhett Butler' accent and I shall always think of him when I see Clark Gable in Gone with the Wind.

It is with joy that I have been informed that Derek Nathan has survived, unhurt, a light plane crash whilst visiting Dundee to give a display. The aircraft bounced on landing and ended up 250 yards out in the Firth of Tay. The aircraft sank but as it was only half-tide the aircraft reached the bottom, leaving them up to their shoulders in rather cold water, laced with aviation fuel. Everyone was rescued and taken to the local hospital. Throughout this experience, Derek managed to keep his British Guiana collection above water and the only casualty was a packet of hinges!

CLARY HOLT, IN MEMORIAM By Mary Kerr

Clary Holt died at the age of 89 on September 7, 2003. He missed his 90th birthday by two months. I first met Clary and B at the BCPSG meeting in Barbados in 1995 and felt I had known both of them all our lives.

Clary was born in Greensboro, and he earned an undergraduate degree at the Virginia Military Institute in 1935. He graduated from the University of North Carolina law school at Chapel Hill in 1939. He joined the army, went to Washington where he met B again after law school, and they were married in 1942. Clary was deployed in June 1944 to run an intelligence outfit in Brisbane, Australia that translated information from Japanese prisoners and documents. He retired as colonel and received the Legion of Merit. He went to work for Holt, Longest, Wall & Blaetz in Burlington where he remained until well into his eighties. He served on the Alamance Community College board of trustees for 24 years and on the county board of elections for 16 years. He spent years working with the Boy Scouts, the local Elks Lodge, the Board of Realtors and the N.C. Law Alumni Association. He and his wife B spent years travelling to more than 30 countries. He loved Barbados and was looking forward to coming back in January.

He still found time to be an avid stamp collector and reader and served as the North American representative for the BWISC for many years. He is survived by his wife, B, a daughter, two sons and four grandchildren. We'll miss him.

NEW PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTOR

David Druett of Pennymead Auctions has generously agreed to take over the storage and distribution of the BWISC Publications. His mailing address (if there is anybody who doesn't already know it) is 1, Brewerton Street, Knaresborough, N. YORKS , HG5 8AZ (David's e-mail address is Pennymead@aol.com for any enquiries). This new arrangement will have many advantages for us insofar as David will be able to accept credit card transactions, which will be of great benefit to our North American and overseas members. We are taking the opportunity to review the pricing of our books, details will be included in the next bulletin or on application to David. Below is a table of publications currently available.

Our previous distributor, Mike Spaven has, for personal reasons, had to give up his post and we are very grateful to him for the time and effort he has put in. Thank you, Mike.

Barbados Post Office Markings To 1981	Montserrat
Dominica	Airmails Of Trinidad & Tobago
Leeward Islands Adhesive Fees Stamps	Encyclopaedia Of Jamaican Philately – Vol 1
Classic Collections (Barbados)	Encyclopaedia Of Jamaican Philately – Vol 6
Classic Collections (Nevis)	Index To Bulletins
Leeward Islands – Notes For Philatelists	

Ted Proud requests help with his forthcoming book on Jamaica in his standard British Colonial series. He would like illustrations of the following postmarks (due acknowledgement will be made):

<u>TRD</u>	<u>TRD</u>	<u>CDS</u>
Blackstonedged 1927	Mocho 1920 & 1930	Old Mountain 1959/61
Brainerd 1901	Murray's Piece 1959	Porus 1870/1882
Browns Hall 1922	Old Harbour Bay 1921	Sawyers 1960/2
Caledonia 1961	Salt Marsh 1945	
Chalky Hill 1921	Tower Hill 1959	
Clifton 1907	Tranquility 1960/2	
Gregory Park 1896	Warsop 1913	<u>JAMAICAN RAILWAY</u>
Marlborough 1960	Watermount 1921	Inverness 1923/4

He would also be most interested to receive details of any unrecorded marks, unusual instructional marks and registered handstruck marks from the smaller offices.

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CONVENTION REPORT**BY STEVE JARVIS**

Our convention was held over a fine weekend in September at the new venue of the Honiley Court Hotel, outside Warwick. The location was a trifle isolated but this proved to enhance our experience by us dining together as a group, rather than venturing off in smaller groups.

The Wine and Cheese Party on the Friday night ensured everybody got to know each other and the Convention Chairman, Peter Ford, provided the customary short welcoming speech which was tinged with sadness at the recent losses of Fred Seifert and Clary Holt.

The evening dinner was a lively affair, I think Peter Ford thought he was still at his new home in Spain, as he was organising the wine waiter in his blossoming Spanish vocabulary (he got some blank looks from several of the other staff and we never worked out if it was his accent or that they were really Romanian!). The meal was very good, except for the unfortunates who ordered the Roast Beef (which was inedible!). The wine and conversation flowed and we all adjourned to the bar to catch up with old friends and recent discoveries.

The Saturday programme got under way ahead of schedule, with members eagerly attacking the dealer tables. The room layout was an improvement from Leamington, with one large room for all events but divided by a partition half way down the room. The room was airy and the light reasonable, once the blinds on the skylights had been removed. Tea & Coffee facilities were available from a machine, throughout the day and this added to the relaxing feeling (no scrum at set times!).



Friday Evening



The Bourse

Peter Fernbank and Stella Pearse gave fine formal displays (see later) and these were supplemented by the many informal displays brought along by members. It is planned to make a CD available containing pictures of many of the formal display pages.

Turnout seemed a bit lower than recent years but those present seemed to keep the dealers satisfied, the Member's table broke all records with takings just hitting £3000. I had been too busy scanning the displays to rummage the member's table, until Simon started packing up and I realised it was my last chance. I struck gold! Two good items that went perfectly in my Postal History display (including maybe a previously unrecorded item – certainly not recorded by Foster) at very acceptable prices.

Peter gave his closing words, particularly thanking Peter Boulton for the excellent organisation and fine venue. Those staying for the evening had a couple of hours to freshen up before meeting again in the bar prior to our evening meal, followed by a few hours back in the bar comparing purchases.

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"Imperium GV Key Plate issues" A formal display by Peter Fernbank

De La Rue introduced the Universal Key and Duty Plate system in Victorian times as an economical method of producing stamps in small quantities. This particular universal keyplate style has been termed the 'Imperium', after a series of essays produced in the Victorian & Edwardian eras, in order to differentiate it from the two later universal keyplate designs employed in the KGV era.

Seventeen colonies employed the Imperium style keyplates in the KGV period, and, since they shared the use of the plates, plate replacement was a regular necessity. The average life of a plate was 2-3 years. Three keyplates were always available for use. The smaller colonies had their sheets printed in 120-set sheets and one keyplate was allocated to this role. Four colonies had large requirements for certain values, and two further 120-set plates were used combined to print 240-set sheets. One of these two plates was reserved solely for this purpose and thus was never used for BWI issues. During the KGV period a total of twenty-nine plates were used, numbered sequentially from 1-28. No other colonial design used so many plates, and the large range of plate numbers is one of the major attractions of this issue.

Two dies were used during the life of the issue, known as Die I and Die II. Plates 1-9, and 23, 24 & 25 were all made from die 1, the remainder being from die II. The use of plates 7 and 12 combined produced the well known 'die I / die II interpanneau' variety, and the seven Ceylon values issued in this format were displayed. Photographs of some of the De La Rue plates held in Malta were shown as examples of what a key plate looked like.

There then followed examples of the 28 plates employed, in plate blocks and sheets, the two formats of Pl.1, known as Pl.1a and Pl.1b, being shown in complete sheets to illustrate the difference. Plates 22 and 27 are the most difficult to obtain, examples of Pl.27 being unknown outside the Royal Collection. Plates 14, 15, 24 & 25 were 100 set plates (10 X 10) specially made for Straits Settlements. The re-use of Die I for making plates 23, 24 & 25 was the result of a mistake made by the CA in issuing the wrong die. Examples of various flaws on the key plates were then shown, together with various means of identifying printings and plates by means of sheet numbers, weak printing impressions, damage to plate numbers and marginal rules, and dots in the key plate colour present on the sheet margins.



Further photographs of the Malta duty plates demonstrated that De La Rue's preferred method of duty plate construction was to cut the plate into small sections and then mount them on the base board. There followed examples of duty Die Proofs, the different value tablet styles employed, variations in the same denomination value tablets for different colonies, single and double marginal rules and changes to the colony name dies.

Examples of the different shade groups of the green and yellow coloured papers were displayed, with more shades than the catalogue defines for the yellow papers. Also included were three different surface shades of the yellow on Script CA paper. Several examples of an unlisted shade of olive green paper (Script CA) were shown, which included the Leeward Is. 1/- value from plate 28 (1936).

The display concluded with an array of the various Plate No. / value combinations of the five BWI colonies that used the Imperium design, viz. Barbuda, Cayman Is., Leeward Is., St Lucia and Virgin Is. It was pointed out that it is rare to find anyone who has managed to complete all the Plate No. / values for a colony, since there always seem to be a few very elusive combinations within each colony.



"Antigua". A formal display by Stella Pearse



Stella treated us to a fine display of Postal History, stamps and more modern items from the Island which demonstrated again the strength of her wonderful BWI collection. The display started with great impact with the earliest recorded letter from Antigua, dated 5 October 1693, a Ship Letter from Walter Quarme to London. Seventeen further 19th century covers were shown including several straight line handstamps.



1787 Antigua s/l handstamp,
similar (but different) to RL PD6 and 2 years earlier



s/l handstamp of 1800
By the Penelope packet

The first half of the 19th Century was illustrated with fine covers from the Napoleonic period and other packet letters, including the only recorded example from the Falmouth Mutiny period. The various rates were fully illustrated together with several Fleurons.



16 Dec 1810, Falmouth Mutiny



1829 Consignee's Letter

The adhesive period commenced with fine covers and many mint and used stamps in singles, pairs blocks and even several used strips of 6. A complete pane and top marginal block of 12 of the 1886 2½d ultramarine, allowed us to see the 'Hale flaw' (R5/1); the 'broken crook' (R6/3); the 'slanting foot' (R7/1); and the 'Toeg flaw slanting foot' (R9/6). A full pane of the 4d value with Thompson flaw (R3/3) also generated considerable viewing interest. Further pages illustrating shades and Re-entries would have satisfied most of us but the section prints for the original Dies. The 20th Century adhesives, slogans, airmails, maritime and OHMS



Charles Freeland provided the vote of thanks on behalf of the audience.

RESEARCH INTO WAR TAX OVERPRINTS

by John Davis

To help me complete, to my satisfaction, my researches with the War Tax overprints, I would like to take advantage of the space available in the Bulletin, to invite the help of members. If members are able to help, please be good enough to contact me with any information you think would be useful. I hope to publish further queries as they arise, but here are a few to start with.

Antigua

Essay for WAR STAMP

Is it known if an essay exists for the overprint "WAR STAMP," and where I may be able to find a copy? I have found nothing in the De La Rue archives

Die proof

Do any members know where I may be able to obtain copy of the die proof in black of the frame of the 1½d WAR STAMP in known on card, inscribed "after strike", that was once in the collection of Douglas Bessemer. It is assumed that this is different to the die proof marked "May 4th 60 Leads" dated "June 29th 1918" and once owned by Victor Toeg.

Colour copy of the 3 imperf pairs

Do any members know where I could obtain a colour copy of the 3 imperf pairs.

Barbados

Colour copy of the imperf pair 1d bright red

Do any members know where I could obtain a colour copy of the imperf pair, similar to the pair sold in Phillips (Barclays bank) sale in May 1987.

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Bermuda

Albino overprint

I have been informed that several years ago a sheet of the War Tax overprints was offered for sale in the USA with the bottom row, or last two rows having a double overprint – one albino. Are any members aware of the existence of this sheet, and whether it is a sheet of 60 or 120?

Missing "TAX"

A block of 4 was sold in 1975, the top right hand stamp having the word "Tax" missing. Is it known where I may be able to obtain a colour copy of this block?

British Virgin Islands Overprinting Plate

Smaller and defective overprint (the first stamp from the bottom row of the right hand pane)

It is known that this WAR STAMP overprinting plate was also used for Cayman Islands, Montserrat, and St Kitts-Nevis. It was also used for the Jamaica overprints, but only after the "defect" had been repaired. Although De La Rue confirmed that the defect was inherent in the original production of the plate, I would like to know if any members have copies of the BVI stamps with this variety from the early printings, especially the 1916 1d carmine and 3d purple/yellow from plate 1b.

This variety also has a defect in the letter "S" of "STAMP" with either a flattened base, or a complete break. I have only seen a few examples, and suspect that this defect may have been progressive. May I ask members to look at all their positional stamps/blocks, for the relevant countries, especially, and again, the early issues of BVI, and to let me know the extent of this defect.

My last sale on October 11 was a success with 87% of the lots selling.

In the near future I will be offering a further batch
of Dan Walker's Grenada covers for direct sale on my website.

The next sale is scheduled for March
and will include the balance of Mike Oliver's Leewards collection
plus more Grenada and Virgin Is. covers.

As I am now in charge of the sale of BWISC publications,
I will be updating my West Indies philatelic literature stock on the website
and will hope to be inundated with orders.

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King George VI

Bahamas

SG 152c 1951-52 2d green. VFUM RP of
60 showing fish-tailed state of the short 'T' at
R3/6 and the look-alike at R7/6. Folded £45

British Guiana

SG 317a 1951 \$1 perf 14 x 13. VFU example on
piece with neat Airmail CDS £325

British Honduras

SG 164-65 1948 Silver Wedding. VFUM blocks of 4,
\$5 a bottom marginal block with full imprint £52

Grenada

CW 25a 1943 10/- deep slate and bright carmine-rose,
narrow, perf 14. VFUM TL corner block of 4 on pinkish
surfaced paper £80

Montserrat

SG 308w 1972 \$1 Silver Wedding. VFUM example
with inverted watermark £28

SG 335w 1974 3ct on \$1. VFUM Plate 1B block of 4,
inverted watermark £100

St. Kitts-Nevis

CW 12al 1943 3d. FM marginal example with R2/5
dented frame £20

SG 77b 1943-45 5/- ordinary paper. VFUM marginal
block of 4. HPF #45 damage to frame above telescope £65

SG 77bb 1943-49 5/- bluish green and scarlet. VFU
on piece (excellent colour), R2/4 break above 'T' £100

St. Lucia

SG 79b 1912-21 1d rose-red. FUM (folded) bottom
5rows of LP, from Plate 6 £90

SG 144-45 1948 Silver Wedding. VFUM blocks of 4,
the £1 an LR corner block with Plate no. 1 a £42

Trinidad & Tobago

SG D18-25 1923-45 1d-1/- Postage Due set of 8.
VFU £275

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Perfins – a follow up to the Dec. 2002 Clary Holt Article

By Edmund Bayley


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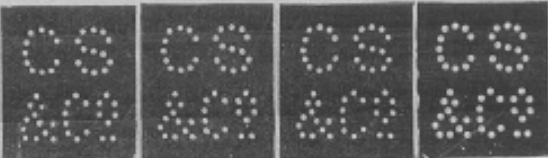



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Illustrating a
group of four
at one operation.

BERMUDA

Prague Cover

By Allan Leverton

Follow up to the article in Bulletin 184, March 2000

Going through my correspondence received in 1952, I find letters from F.E. Metcalfe, Editor of the C.W. Catalogue. He details letters from the Bermuda Post Office – it turns out, that supplies of 12/6d stamps were sent direct from the Treasury in Bermuda to the Customs & Excise Dept., mainly for use as a Poll Tax stamp but also to Shipping Companies. A supply of the first (slightly paler) printing stamps was sent in 1946 (before the regular Lemon shade was issued at Post offices!) – some of these were used on cover by an employee in the shipping company to his philatelist friend in Prague – i.e. the arrival of the CW15bb shade!! A well-known collector at the time, Bentley Kettle, made the discovery.

The invoice to Barbados for the perforator






[illegible]






BRITISH GUIANA






VILLAGE POSTMARKS: AN UPDATE ON TOWNSEND & HOWE






BY PETER FORD

It has now been over 30 years since The Royal Philatelic Society published The Postage Stamps and Postal History of British Guiana. There can be few of us BG collectors who have not collected village postmarks the dates of which have fallen outside the range given in T&H. The recent publication by Proud on The Postal History of British Guiana has served to, in some cases, broaden the span of the EKDs and LKDs. Even so, going by the responses I received from a survey I undertook a little while ago, there are still items in our collections, which can expand even these dates. I am going to endeavour, in a series of articles, to list the latest known dates as notified to me by those of our BG collector members who took the trouble to respond to my survey. There have also been new discoveries made by collector members, the most notable of which are the two marks one of which I have arbitrarily annotated as Type 3d. I have illustrated these so that those of us not lucky enough to have found one yet may know what to look for as we forage through dealers' stocks. There has also been the odd mark, the form of which is familiar to us but from a previously unknown village; these have been incorporated in the listings alphabetically.

2 nd Series	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 3a
				

Type 3b	Type 3c	Type 3d	Type 4	Type 5
				

Type 5a	Type 5b	Type 6a	Type 6d	Type 8
				

Type 9a	Type 10	Type 11	Type 12	Type 12a
				

In order to make sure we have the latest information available, I have also listed the dates given by Proud where they extend those we already have; these dates are tabulated in bold italic type.

In the case of the earliest coded marks, listing the EKDs and LKDs is a somewhat risky business; however, I have tried to list these as best I can, although there may be some who would disagree with me. In order to save space, I have not listed most villages where I have not been notified of any changes.

Finally, I intend to continue with this series of updates and would be grateful of any additional information from members where it extends known dates. Also, I would like to extend the listing to more modern times; again any information will be gratefully received.

FIRST SERIES CODED					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
AI C		4 Jun 55	5 Aug 56		24 Feb 59
A3C		16 Aug 55	7 Feb 59	12 Apr 55	
A4C		20 Jun 55	31 Jan 59	16 Apr 55	
A5C		8 Jan 55	21 Mar 60		26 Jun 60
L		10 May 55	27 Nov 56	7 Mar 55	15 Nov 58
W		7 Feb 56	27 Nov 56	18 Dec 55	9 Aug 59
E1C				16 May 55	
E3C				23 Dec 57	
E5C		14 Feb 55	1 Jul 56	7 Jan 55	4 Feb 60
E6C				30 Apr 55	

SECOND SERIES CODED					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
A1C		6 Apr 61	22 Jul 78		26 Sep 78
A2C		29 May 60	12 Apr 80		19 Apr 80
A3C		12 Jul 61	19 May 77	7 Jun 60	28 Nov 79
A4C		20 Jul 60	2 Mar 78		29 Aug 78
A5C		19 Jul 60	11 Apr 78		24 May 78
W		14 Dec 60	26 May 76	5 Nov 60	
W/1				18 Jun 77	
W/2		5 Dec 65	5 Mar 71		15 Oct 75
L		7 Feb 61	8 Dec 18	4 Jun 60	17 Nov 77
W1C		6 Apr 61	15 Dec 76		30 Jul 80
W2C		2 Jan 63	2 Jan 79	5 Nov 60	
W4C		6 Mar 70	7 Apr 80	7 Apr 68	30 Jul 80
W5C		13 Oct 70	18 Mar 75	22 Nov 69	16 May 77
DRW		22 Jan 69	18 May 80	7 Aug 65	30 Apr 81
DRW/2		11 Nov 69		8 Nov 69	30 Apr 81
DRE/1		9 Aug 79	1 Oct 79		29 Jul 80
R		20 Dec 60	6 May 78		17 Jun 78
E1C		23 Jun 60	1 Jul 78	2 Jun 60	
E2C		22 Sep 62		8 Jul 62	8 Jul 76
E3C		31 Aug 60	30 Oct 77		11 Jul 82
E5C		19 Jul 61	23 May 76	23 Oct 60	
E8C		5 Jan 76	3 Jan 77		5 Oct 77
WCB		14 May 69		17 Dec 61	1 Jan 77
WCB/2		5 Nov 61	2 May 81		17 Jul 82
CCB		23 May 67	10 Oct 75	30 Sep 64	
CCB/1			22 Nov 86	22 Nov 60	
ECB/1				3 Dec 82	
ECB/2		6 May 72		2 Jun 70	1 Jan 78

SECOND SERIES CODED					
ECB/4				24 Feb 73	
ECB/5		6 Apr 78		6 May 72	15 Jan 79
ECB/6		29 Sep 73	28 Oct 78	10 Jun 73	
ER		12 Aug 76	26 Oct 80		5 Nov 80

TYPE 1					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
AGRICOLA	ER			27 Mar 78	16 Dec 78

TYPE 1a					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
MAHAICA	RC	6 Feb 78	22 Aug 84	2 Jan 78	29 Aug 84
WAKENAAM 2	VR	8 Jun 78	25 Feb 80	1 Dec 77	

TYPE 2					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
ABARY				5 Mar 80	30 Oct 80
ANNA REGINA	VS	23 Dec 78	27 May 81	5 Dec 78	
BELFIELD	S	10 Jul 79	3 May 82	18 Jun 78	6 May 82
BVWAGTING	VR	20 Mar 80	18 May 80	8 Mar 80	30 Jan 82
BLAIRMONT				3 Nov 79	29 Jun 80
BRAHN	VR			12 May 7-	21 Nov 82
BUXTON	S	1 Jan 80	28 Oct 81		20 Dec 81
CLONBROOK	R	13 Apr 80	13 Sep 80		8 Dec 80
COTTON TREE	VR	5 Oct 83		16 Dec 80	16 Sep 84
ENMORE	R	25 May 80	11 Apr 81	Oct 79	4 Aug 82
FELLOWSHIP	R	10 Feb 80	18 May 81	15 Mar 78	
FORT WELLINGTON	VR	11 Jan 79	10 May 79		31 May 79
MAHAICONY	VR	11 Apr 79		1 Mar 79	24 May 79
MARIABBA	VR	14 Nov 78	23 Mar 81	1 Nov 78	
PHILADELPHIA	ER		9 Jul 80	1 Jul 80	25 Mar 81
PLAISANCE	VR	10 Jul 79	5 Apr 81	5 Oct 78	25 Apr 81
RAILWAY				25 Dec 79	
SKELDON	VS	18 Dec 78	6 Sep 81		3 May 82
SPARTA				4 Apr 82	24 May 83
TAYMOUTH MANOR	S	27 Dec 79	9 Dec 81	21 Nov 78	14 Dec 81

TYPE 3					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
FREDERICKSBURG	RC	4 Jun 80	12 Feb 01	23 Apr 80	5 Nov 01
GOOD SUCCESS	RC	10 Aug 80	12 Jan 03	18 Jan 79	
TARLOGY	S	12 Oct 85	2 Sep 98	5 Apr 81	
WALES	RC	1 Dec 80	21 May 03		20 Jul 03

TYPE 3a					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
AIRY HALL	RC	26 Apr 80	14 Aug 01		26 Mar 02
BARTICA GROVE	C	1 Mar 81	15 Aug 01		2 Sep 01
BEL AIR	S	13 Jul 80	4 Aug 98	19 Apr 80	
GROVE	RC	4 Jun 81	7 May 01		28 Apr 02
LEGUAN	C	10 May 80	12 Jan 87		26 Oct 87
LEONORA	C	25 Oct 81	22 Jul 10	25 May 81	1 Feb 1900
New LKD is probably from 1900					
NIGG	C	19 Apr 80	23 Jul 98		2 Aug 98
PROVIDENCE	RC	24 Jan 82	4 Nov 01	15 Jun 81	13 Mar 02
ZORG	VS	16 Jul 80	22 Jun 83		16 Nov 83

TYPE 3b					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
BENAB, CORENTYNE COAST	S	1881	2 Aug 98	6 Apr 80	24 Sep 98
NO. 50, CORENTYNE COAST	S	7 Oct 81	21 Dec 97	11 Aug 81	
RELIANCE-CANJE	RC	9 Mar 81	24 Feb 04	21 Jul 80	18 May 04

TYPE 3c					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
ANNA REGINA	C	27 Jul 94	18 Jan 21	25 Jul 94	25 Mar 21
CARMICHAEL ST, GEORGETOWN	C	24 Apr 95	16 Dec 03	4 Sep 94	30 Dec 03

TYPE 3d					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
CABACABURI				27 Oct 82	14 Dec 82
HACKNEY				1 Jul 82	25 Apr -

TYPE 4					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
MAHAICA	C	18 Feb 85	14 Sep 98	19 Jan 85	29 Sep 98

TYPE 5					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
ALBOUYSTOWN	S	29 May 89	10 Oct 04		
SUDDIE	C	30 Nov 80	22 Mar 93		17 May 93
TUSCHEN DE VRIEDEN	RC	9 Jul 83	16 Aug 97	28 Nov 82	

TYPE 5a					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
AURORA	Datestamp dated 9 Feb 93 should be treated as forgeries (Mme Joseph?)				
BAGOTVILLE	RC	5 Oct 82	11 May 03	15 Apr 82	
BETERVERWAGTING	C	30 Dec 82	15 Mar 02	22 Jul 82	9 Jun 02
BUXTON	C	10 Jul 82	9 Jan 01		5 Jul 01
CLONBROOK	RC	22 Jul 81	5 Dec 99	6 Jun 81	12 Dec 99
COTTON TREE	R	31 Mar 90	6 Feb 00	Aug 89	
ENMORE	C	25 Oct 82	11 Jul 95		1 Nov 95
FORT WELLINGTON	C	6 Oct 82	11 Jul 06	6 Oct 81	17 Dec 06
HYDE PARK	R	2 Dec 91	19 Jul 99		9 Jan 00
MARIABBA	S	30 Jul 81	30 Dec 01	7 Jul 81	
MASSARUNI	VR	8 Jun 80		5 Jun 80	
PLAISANCE	S	6 Nov 82	20 Jan 87	29 Jul 81	18 Feb 87
SPARTA	RC	15 Jan 83	29 Aug 00		21 Nov 00
	Datestamps dated 7 Apr 91 (on Mult. CA Wmk!) should be treated as forgeries (Madame Joseph?)				
SUDDIE	C	1 Jan 85	3 Jun 09	30 Nov 80	31 Jan 19
New LKD is probably from 1900					

TYPE 5b					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
BLAIRMONT	RC	1881	7 Mar 03	9 Oct 81	
PHILADELPHIA	ER	1 Feb 82	2 Feb 82		8 May 82
SISTERS	S	16 Apr 84	23 Dec 02	23 Nov 82	25 May 03

TYPE 5c					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
ABARY	VS	24 Feb 82	9 Nov 98		5 Mar 19

TYPE 6					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
MET-EN-MEERZORG	C	31 Mar 91	7 May 03	23 Feb 91	

TYPE 6a					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
LEGUAN	C	3 May 87	20 Jul 03	20 Apr 87	
PLAISANCE	C	27 May 87	13 Oct 02	7 Jan 87	17 Jun 03

TYPE 6b					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
TAYMOUTH MANOR	C	24 Jul 82	30 Jan 01		26 Mar 01

TYPE 6c					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
BOURDA-GEORGETOWN	RC	28 Aug 83	16 Jul 02		10 Mar 03
STANLEYTOWN	R	1 May 89	23 Mar 98	1 Jun 87	13 Apr 98

TYPE 6d					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
AGRICOLA	S	1 Feb 94	15 Jul 02		9 Feb 04
SUDDIE	C	3 Jan 95	31 Aug 14	30 Nov 94	12 Apr 15

TYPE 7					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
STABROEK - GEORGETOWN	RC	3 Aug 97	9 Mar 03		

TYPE 8					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
BRAHN	S	Feb 87	3 Dec 95	25 Oct 86	
CABACABURI	R	4 Oct 86	5 Mar 05	20 Dec 83	4 Jul 95
COTTON TREE	VS	23 Oct 84	Jul 86		10 Mar 87
DUNOON	R	31 Dec 85	9 Oct 90	30 Aug 85	18 Aug 93
HACKNEY	S	14 May 84	14 Oct 01	1 Nov 83	
MALLALI	VS	30 Mar 87	5 Sep 88	14 Oct 85	18 Feb 99
PURUNI	VR	31 Dec 95	24 Oct 97	3 Mar 86	
SKELDON	C	13 Jul 83	25 Apr 89		30 May 90

TYPE 8a					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
CARMICHAEL S T	C	22 Oct 83	17 Aug 98	16 Jul 83	28 Nov 98

TYPE 9					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
OREALLA	R	30 May 97	7 Nov 99	25 May 97	4 Feb 00

TYPE 9a					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
ARAKAKA	C	7 Feb 95	2 Jul 02		17 Sep 02

TYPE 9b					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
KORIABO	R	8 Mar 95	4 Sep 96	22 Feb 95	6 Feb 97

TYPE 10					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
AMACURA	R	29 Oct 98	24 Jun 99	8 Aug 96	29 Sep 99
ENMORE	C	11 Jan 96	25 Jan 00	7 Dec 95	
ENMORE	C	12 Feb 00	14 Jul 03	11 Jan 96	22 Jul 03
POTARO	C	2 Jul 96	22 Jun 03		27 Jan 05
RICHMOND HILL	ER	18 May 01		10 Mar 98	21 May 01
WELDAAD	RC	9 Feb 96	1 Jul 03		11 Aug 03
WHIM	C	2 Jun 96	23 Jun 15		25 Jun 15
WISMAR	RC	7 Jul 97	12 Jun 03	26 May 97	17 Jul 03

TYPE 11					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
ROCKSTONE	R	Sep 97	13 Sep 01	24 Jul 97	27 Jul 05
SANTA ROSA	S	15 Dec 98	26 Apr 08	26 Aug 98	16 Sep 09
TUMATUMARI	S	21 Aug 97	Oct 00	7 Nov 96	25 Nov 01

TYPE 12					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
ANN'S GROVE	RC	12 Mar 00	13 Nov 13		19 Jan 14
CUYUNI	S	8 Jul 99	6 Sep 04		22 Oct 04
MATOPE	S	10 Jul 05	4 Apr 14		14 Apr 14

TYPE 12a					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
ALBUOYSTOWN	RC	15 Mar 04	16 Oct 19	9 Jan 04	
ARAKAKA	C	27 Aug 02	13 Jan 14	27 Jul 02	
BARTICA	C	9 Oct 01	7 Apr 19	20 Sep 01	7 Aug 19
BELFIELD	C	4 Oct 02	21 Oct 12	23 Dec 01	
BETERVERWAGTING	C	29 Jul 02	24 Dec 26		18 Jan 27
BOURDA	S	22 Apr 04	9 Jan 07	14 Mar 04	15 May 07
CARMICHAEL ST	C	14 Aug 02	23 Jun 13		26 Jun 13
DE KINDEREN	VR	18 Jul 01	23 Sep 03	19 Jun 01	10 Aug 04
ENMORE	C	22 Sep 03	19 Oct 25	22 Jul 03	
EVERSHAM	S	17 Aug 03	5 Jul 16		6 Jul 16
FELLOWSHIP	C	21 Nov 03	28 Oct 19	26 Aug 03	
GROVE	RC	16 Aug 02	24 Jun 26	6 Aug 02	5 Aug 26
H.M.P.S.	RC	9 Nov 00	6 Sep 24	26 Mar 00	15 May 25
HYDE PARK	VS	22 Nov 06	20 Aug 09	30 Apr 02	
KITTY	C	21 Apr 98	20 Aug 28		14 Feb 29
MACCASEEMA	R	27 Apr 02	14 Mar 04	11 Mar 01	14 May 04
MAHAICA	C	4 Oct 98	2 Aug 01	3 Oct 98	3 Jun 02
MAHAICA	C	20 Oct 02	14 Mar 21	23 Jul 02	
NAAMRYCK	S	28 Nov 04	26 Feb 09		2 Nov 15
NIGG	C	5 Nov 98	2 Jun 14		11 Apr 17
PLAISANCE	C	28 May 03	26 Mar 18		3 Sep 18
POTARO	C	7 Sep 03	5 Aug 07	3 Mar 03	2 Nov 09
POTARO - CONAWAROOK				6 Jun 09	
PROVIDENCE	C	7 Jun 04	24 Oct 22		13 Dec 22
PURUNI	R	11 Nov 00	4 Jan 07	3 Aug 00	15 Feb 07

TYPE 12a					
RELIANCE	C	4 Oct 05	7 Feb 21	2 Aug 04	11 Jul 23
ROSIGNOL	R	6 Mar 01	30 Jan 08	16 Jan 01	
STANLEYTOWN	VS	Oct 08	3 Jul 10	4 Oct 98	
TARLOGY	S	14 Nov 98	19 Jun 03	25 Sep 98	
TAYMOUTH MANOR	RC	26 Aug 02	22 Nov 19	19 Aug 02	
TUMATUMARI	RC	1 Mar 06	15 Aug 12	24 Oct 05	
VREEDENHOOP	C	23 Sep 03	3 Apr 17	10 Sep 03	16 Feb 18
WAKENAAM	C	16 Aug 03	18 Nov 21	6 Aug 03	18 Nov 22

TYPE 12b					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
AGRICOLA	R	2 May 05	30 Oct 13	15 Feb 04	
BAGOTVILLE	C	12 Aug 03	29 Nov 17		11 Nov 18
BARAMANNI	VS	21 Jul 04	13 May 22	9 Jun 04	
BENAB	C	7 Nov 98	11 Aug 24	20 Oct 98	
BUXTON	C	5 Jul 01	14 Nov 10		18 May 12
BUXTON	C	27 Feb 12	18 Mar 14	8 Nov 11	28 Apr 14
CABACABURI	R	2 Oct 98	17 Jan 12	5 Jun 98	8 Jan 13
DANIELSTOWN	RC	11 May 04	24 Jan 28	31 Aug 03	
FORT WELLINGTON	C	2 Dec 03	6 Apr 25	25 Aug 08	
HACKNEY	R	4 Mar 03	Jan 07	28 Jan 03	2 Nov 08
LEGUAN	C	15 Aug 03	15 Jun 17	31 Jul 03	
LEONORA	C	10 Sep 03	20 Oct 16		20 Nov 16
MAHAICONY	C	5 Oct 03	13 Dec 21		16 May 22
MALLALI	S	23 Jun 02	15 May 16	1 Oct 01	20 Nov 18
METENMEERZORG	C	7 Sep 03	11 Nov 21	24 Jul 03	
NO. 50	VS	14 Dec 98	5 Oct 10	22 Nov 98	2 Aug 11
SISTERS	S	12 Jun 05	2 Jul 14	6 Dec 04	
STEAMER STELLING	RC	11 Jan 04	8 Jan 12	29 Oct 03	11 Feb 12
WALES	S	4 Sep 03	16 Feb 09	30 Jul 03	3 Mar 09
WISMAR	C	3 May 03	7 Feb 14	6 Mar 03	9 Apr 14

TYPE 12c					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
MORAWHANNA	S	5 Mar 14	21 Oct 15	28 Aug 04	8 Dec 15

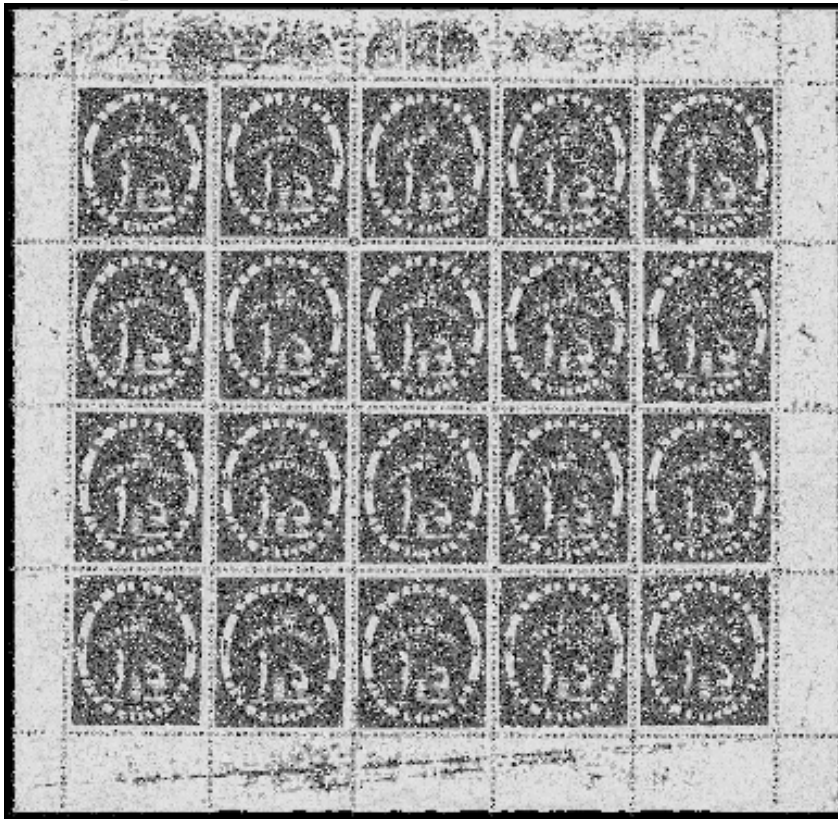
TYPE 13					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
CORNHILL ST	RC	11 Aug 04	22 Sep 12		

TYPE 13a					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
CORNHILL ST:	RC	17 Jan 06	28 Dec 11		

TYPE 14					
VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD
XV MILE POTARO	S	13 Jan 05	25 Nov 11		

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CAYMANS

EARLY INCOMING MAIL – AN UPDATE

JOHN BYL

In the Bulletin of March 2001, I reviewed the ten known examples of early incoming mail to the Cayman Islands. All ten covers or cards had been known for some time and in my innocence I had hoped that the listing would prove to be a definitive one. However, in accordance with a well known law another cover came to light towards the end of 2002. It had been in a collection for about 25 years.

The cover is from Jamaica to Capt. Taylor Foster, Cayman Brac. It is franked with a 1d red 'Falls' cancelled by the 'Street Letter Box, Kingston, Jamaica' cds Type 3 dated 'NO 7 00'. Also on the front is a fine impression of the Cayman Brac Type 2 cds for 'NO 16 00' applied as receiver. It is of particular interest as it is one of only two known covers from the 'Jamaica used in Caymans' period bearing a strike of this datestamp, the other being on an outgoing cover. I would be very glad to hear from any reader who has knowledge of the history of the cover prior to its entry into the collection mentioned above.

It has been suggested that a table of incoming covers would be helpful for reference purposes and one has therefore been included.

	From	To	Adhesives	Datestamps
1	London	W.B.Webster Esqr. Grand Cayman	Four 1881 1d lilacs	London MR 2 1885 Kingston transit
2	Spanish Town Jamaica	Mr Robt. J? Cole Grand Cayman	2d thin official	A76 Barred Oval (Sp. Town) G.T.1. AUG 7 1890 receiver
3	Shooters Hill Jamaica	Mr James S. Webster Grand Cayman	1889 1d	Shooters. Hill 14 NOV 1890
4	Spanish Town Jamaica	Fredk. S. McTaggart Grand Cayman	½d thick official	Spanish Town NO 11 1891 G.T.1. NOV 24 1891 receiver
5	Spanish Town Jamaica	Mr Fredk. S. McTaggart Grand Cayman	½d thick official	Spanish Town DE 31 91 G.T.1. JAN 9 1892 receiver
6	Lucea Jamaica	Mr J. S. Webster Grand Cayman	1891 2½d	Lucea JU 15 92 G.T.1. JUN 24 1892 receiver
7	Spanish Town Jamaica	Mr Fredk. S. McTaggart Grand Cayman	½d thick official	Spanish Town FE 28 93 G.T.1. MAR 8 1893 receiver
8	Kingston Jamaica	W.B.R? Webster Grand Cayman	1889 1d	Kingston AP 22 93 G.T.1. APR 29 1893 receiver
9	Manchester	Webster & Sons Grand Cayman	1887 ½d	Manchester 6 JY 93 G.T.1. AUG 16 1893 receiver
10	Lucea Jamaica	William Ryan Cayman Brac	1889 1d	Lucea AU 14 96 Kingston AU 15 96 transit G.T.2. AU - - transit
11	Kingston Jamaica	Capt. Taylor Foster Cayman Brac	1d red Falls	Kingston NO 7 00 C.B.2. NO 16 00 receiver

Addresses are abbreviated showing only the destination island. G.T.1 & G.T.2. are Georgetown Types 1 & 2 respectively and C.B.2. is Cayman Brac 2.



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DOMINICA

1886 PROVISIONALS – MORE THOUGHTS

BY SIMON GOLDBLATT

A leisure moment found me staring at pages 58 and 59 of Victor Toeg's 'Dominica', quietly absorbing the information that the 'One Penny' on 1s magenta is only known at present with comb perforation, whilst admiring the full page opposite. Suddenly it struck me! The entire pane illustrated displays line perforation!

That this is only an aberration was demonstrated by my comparators – used blocks of each of the Half-Penny and One-Penny surcharges, each item again with line perforation. If it mattered, and it really does not, I could even plate the One Penny block, as coming from the third and fourth rows, at left of line.

If we hark back to pages 44 and 45, Victor notes the existence of line perforation on some, and comb perforation on all the perf. 14 values, rightly propounds that research into perforations may prove rewarding, then brings one up short with information that there was one printing of the 1s, yielding consignments of 2,500 and 2,580 spread between December 1877, January 1878. But hold on a minute: from page 58, quantity of 1s surcharged 'believed to be 15,000'.

Now that is a figure with which one cannot quarrel, for the 1886 surcharges are reasonably abundant; but where have 15,000 unsurcharged but surplus perf. 14 1s values sprung from?

The answer must surely lie in a re-allocation of some of the earlier consignments (see p. 39) to the perf. 14 issues. By the standards of Dominica, four deliveries from 1874 and 1876 totalling 68,900 represents a huge number of stamps, but no one would call the perf. 12½ 1s plentiful, either unused or used. 1876 is by no means too early for use of a perf. 14 gauge by DLR (compare Jamaica, Antigua, St. Christopher) whereas one can well imagine the deliveries of this year for the 1s value not coming into use until much later, when the original perf. 12½ issue had been used up. The 6d value could be analysed similarly.

In principle, I tend to regard line perforation as preceding comb; but if we treat the 1876 deliveries as perf. 14 line, then the scarcer item by far would be 1s CC, comb perf. 14. Should we not therefore conclude that it is in that perforation that the One Penny on 1s is going to be, at best, elusive? I must look at my own holding at some future time*, and should end the present observations by agreeing with Victor that research into perforations may well prove rewarding.

* P.S. I now have: comb perf. may exist; line perf is the norm.

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GRENADA**POSTAL RATES****BY CHRIS HARMAN**

I have always been puzzled by the Grenada bisects and, prompted by the dazzling array on Dan Walker's sale catalogue, I would like to ask if members can help. The overseas rates in the period seem to accord with the following pattern.

	Total Rate	Internal Rate	To UK	To France	Note: 1s rate to UK consisted of 1d to Grenada, 11d to UK postal authorities
<u>Letter to UK</u>					
Posted from St. George's	1s	n/a	1s	n/a	
Posted outside St. George's	1s1d	1d	1s	n/a	
<u>Letter to France</u>					
Posted from St. George's	1s1½d	n/a	1s	1½d	
Posted outside St. George's	1s2½d	1d	1s	1½d	

This seems to be supported by the various covers and pieces but I have not been able to track down official records of this. Can anyone please help with this? The UK joined the U.P.U. on 1st July 1875 and France on 1st January 1876, which also opens up the interesting possibility of provisional arrangements in the interregnum period.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This request caused me to delve into my library to see what I could find - My first port of call on these matters is always BWI Postal Rates up to 1900 by L.E. Britnor published by BWISC in 1977, however, rates to Europe are skimpy.

The English packet rate from 1863 was 1s; for some Countries this reduced to 6d in 1 Apr 1877 and 4d on 1 Apr 1879; Grenada and others reduced to 4d on 1 Jan 1881 upon joining the UPU.

I also asked Michael Hamilton to consult his records and this provided the opinion that the rate using French packets was 7d and later 8d, which indicated a rate per qtr ounce. This potentially explains the covers from Grenada with lower rates.

I would therefore ask members with knowledge of rates from any W.I. territory to Europe, in the period say 1863 to 1883, to supply me with information and I will publish a summary for other members to supplement.



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JAMAICA

THE ROYAL MARINES IN THE WEST INDIES

BY BOB SWARBRICK

Your Editor, Steve Jarvis, suggested that, perhaps, I could write an article for the BWISC Bulletin which would bridge the gap between my Jamaica collection, and my new interest, the Postal History of the Royal Marines.

The decision to sell my main collection was made some ten years ago, chiefly because I had run out of ideas, and had achieved all my personal ambitions, but also 'to take on board' a new challenge. I had reached that point that what I lacked would cost me serious money, and would give me no personal satisfaction.

My choice of subjects was influenced, in part, by my war service in the Royal Marines. Although already a collector in 1944, as were most of my generation, any thought of extending these ideas was placed on hold, not to be resurrected for some 50 years!

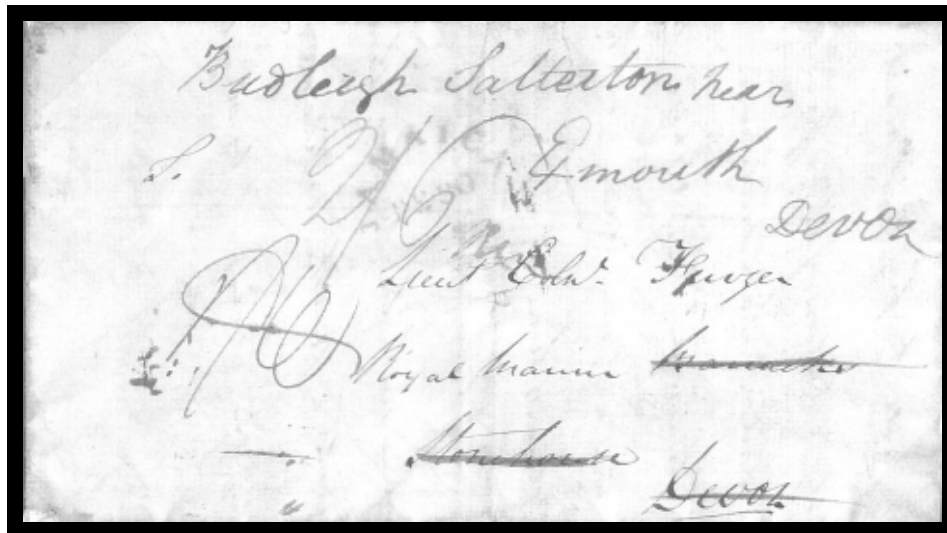
The letter I have chosen to illustrate the point would not have met my personal criterion, as the hand-stamp Jamaica 'F' is far from perfect, but the letter's contents exceed anything I could have wished.

Dated November 13 1814, it was, 'loose bagged' for onward transmission by the Packet. The reason for this was the address; all incoming mail landed at Falmouth from a Packet ship was sent; intact in a sealed bag, to London to have the rate of postage assessed, and for the letters to be forwarded by the most convenient route. Exceptions to this were letters which, for some reason, were 'loose bagged' In this case, as this item was addressed to person in Devon, it would be pointless to send it to London for it only to be returned a few days later. This practice could save a week in the transit time of mail. The letter was written by the captain of HMS 'Volcano', a Bomb vessel which was acting as an escort to the Transport 'Golden Fleece' which carried the 85th Regiment to Jamaica, to the father of a young Officer who was killed in the action which followed.

I have always maintained that letters are only saved because they have some value to the recipient, and this must be a typical example. Rather than transcribe the contents of the letter in detail, I would ask the Editor to copy the relevant pages in a book, 'The Royal Marine Artillery' by Fraser & Carr-Laughton, as I could not aspire to match their prose, the letter's content dealt mostly with the disposal of the Officer's personal effects, and the fact that a codicil to his will had been added just prior to his involvement in the bombardment of Baltimore:

The fact that this man was able to give his executors such exact detail as to the disposal of his effects make one realize how aware these men were of the dangers of their calling, and why the recipient of this letter, himself a former serving Royal Marine Officer, must have cherished this last link with his son.

If I was a lot younger, I would love to try to find his resting place to close the chapter.



Extract from 'The Royal Marine Artillery' by Fraser & Carr-Laughton.

... Negril Bay, near the extreme western end of Jamaica, Negril Point, was appointed as the place of rendezvous for the transports with the troops for the New Orleans expedition. Thither, during October and November, the military force which had been engaged in the Washington and Baltimore operations proceeded by detachments, escorted by some of the smaller vessels.

While one of the bombs, the Volcano, was engaged on escort duty, convoying to Port Royal, Jamaica, a transport, the Golden Fleece, with the 85th Foot on board, she fell in with a large American privateer and in the engagement that resulted Lieutenant Furzer, R.M.A., met his death. The Volcano, with the transport in close company, was just clearing the Windward Passage, between San Domingo and Jamaica, with Navassa Point, the westernmost extremity of San Domingo not far to the south-east, when, at two o'clock on the morning of October 31st, a strange sail was made out coming up astern. Immediately afterwards the stranger fired a shot over the two vessels to make them heave-to. The West Indies just then was swarming with American privateers, and the stranger was at once suspected to be one of these. All on board the bomb and transport quickly went to quarters and cleared for action. The Volcano then closed with the transport and hailed across that she intended to make a fight of it. Both British vessels reduced sail, while the stranger, closing astern sufficiently to keep them in clear view, followed in their wake. As daylight came on, the stranger set more sail and ran to windward, keeping just out of gunshot. To decoy her within gunshot - although the stranger showed no Colours, from her build and rig she was recognized as an American, a well-built, large schooner with seven ports a side and apparently crowded with men - only a few men were kept on deck both in the bomb and the transport, the mortars and carronades in the bombs being concealed under tarpaulins and canvas to look like deck cargoes. The Volcano also, as an officer of the 85th on board the transport describes, was 'a little, ugly, three-masted thing, with exactly the appearance of a merchantman.' At 8 a.m. the stranger began closing into range, where upon the two British vessels hoisted Colours, the Volcano displaying 'an old faded red ensign and hoisting her fore and main sails in what sailors term a lubberly manner.' This was to make the Americans believe she was an ordinary merchant vessel.

As their ensigns went up both British vessels by way of defiance fired a shot at the stranger. The schooner replied instantly, hoisting American Colours, and, rapidly nearing, fired a broadside, first at the Volcano, which was to windward of the transport, and then one at the Golden Fleece. The privateer, whose name was now read off as Saucy Jack, then stood for the Volcano, making to run her alongside and board. As she came down, the transport, which carried eight 4-pounders, called her men up from concealment and fired her broadside into the American. At the same time the Volcano got in two 'well aimed broadsides' from her quickly stripped carronades and the R.M.A. detachment's two mortars, which had been loaded early in the morning before spreading the tarpaulins over, with a keg in each of one hundred iron 1 lb. balls. The boarders on the Saucy Jack's deck were hard hit and many disappeared, casualties; but the schooner had too much way on and swept in and collided with the Volcano. As the privateer sheered alongside, firing musketry, Lieutenant Furzer, R M.A., was shot dead 'while in the act of flinging a hand-grenade among the close-packed enemy.' The Americans, though taken aback by their hot reception, tried to scramble on board the Volcano and board, but before the grappling irons held, the Saucy Jack sheered off and slid away clear. She left eight men of her boarders on the Volcano's bowsprit, off which they dropped into the sea. The privateer then made sail and made off as fast as she had come, receiving as she dropped to leeward a sharp fusillade from the soldiers along the transport's bulwarks. Both British ships made sail to follow the enemy, the Volcano 'firing with great precision at the yards and rigging in the hope of disabling him.' The privateer, however, managed to escape serious damage aloft, 'and we had the mortification to see her, within a few minutes, beyond our reach.' In addition to Lieutenant Furzer, killed, one gunner R.M.A. and a seaman were wounded on board the bomb. The transport had no casualties. Lieutenant Furzer's body was buried next day in Jamaica, at Rock Fort, a short distance from Port Royal, the officers of the Volcano and several of the 8th from the transport attending the funeral.



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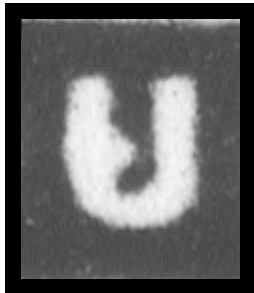
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KING GEORGE VI DAMAGED U OF REVENUE

BY PETER BROOKS

This flaw (Keyplate 3. Flaw at 7/2 Left Pane) is particularly interesting in that it sheds light on the repair of the 'DI' flaw on the 1d value.



The flaw is found only on stamps PRINTED in 1948. Stamps printed in that year are from Requisitions 1117/1, 1117/2 and 1117/3. This means the flaw does not occur on the ¼d, ½d green or 5/- values. It does occur on the last two printings of the 1d red and on the final printing of the 1½d to 3d values in the old colours. It is also on the first printing in the new colours of the ½d to 3d values and on the 6d, 1/- and 2/- values from this same printing. Although printed in 1948 most, if not all, of the stamps from this requisition (1117/1) were held over and issued in March or July 1949. This very limited occurrence means that any stamp with the flaw can immediately be allocated to the correct printing, except in the case of the 1d red where there were two printings in 1948.

The 1d duty plate catalogue listed 'DI' flaw is at 7/3 Left Pane adjacent to the stamp with the keyplate 'U' flaw. On the 1d green some sheets with the 'U' flaw show the 'DI' flaw but others with the 'U' flaw show the 'DI' flaw repaired, although still with the dent in the top horizontal of the value tablet. As there was only one printing of the 1d green with the 'U' flaw the 'DI' flaw must have been repaired during the first (1948) printing of the 1d green. This printing of 5516 sheets seems to have been produced in two batches with the repair taking place between them.

The second printing of the 1d green in March 1949 (Requisition 1148/2) is clear of all three flaws as the damaged 'U' and the value tablet dent were among many keyplate 3 and duty plate flaws corrected before the second printing in the new colours.

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LEEWARD ISLANDS

ADHESIVE FEES STAMPS

BY VICTOR TOEG

To my way of thinking, one of the attractions of philately is the fact that there is always the possibility of something new turning up. This has recently occurred in connection with the Leeward Islands Adhesive Fees stamps, where discoveries are comparatively few and far between.

Ian Jakes, our Honorary Librarian, has recently reported the discovery of two unrecorded varieties and has written about them on page 132 of Volume 112 of the London Philatelist published in May 2003.

Not everyone is able to refer to the London Philatelist and Ian has requested that I should append a note about his discoveries, in the Bulletin.

First, is a one shilling lilac and red Queen Victoria Fees stamp perfin with the letters 'M. C. / A.' punched out in holes. In my book on the subject I stated that at that time no Queen Victoria Fees stamps had come to light as perfins. In the case of this stamp there is no evidence of gum existing and it presumably has been affixed to a document and is, therefore, to be regarded as 'used'; clearly a very desirable and rare stamp.



M. C.
A.

However, examples of the Leeward Islands 1890 One Penny dull mauve and rose postage and revenue stamps are known with the letters "M. C. / A." and 'M. C. / B' punched out in holes. The punched out letters are considered to be abbreviations for 'Magistrates Court Antigua' and 'Magistrates Court Barbuda', respectively.

Secondly, a two shillings lilac and red, Queen Vioctoria Fees stamp, bearing a manuscript cancellation with the initials 'W. H. C' and the date underneath '30.11.95'. Both the initials and the date have not been previously recorded and are in black ink.



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AUCTION UPDATE**BY CHARLES FREELAND**

As foreshadowed in these columns, October was a rich month indeed for the BWI collector, and richer still for some others. Every member who took advantage will have ended up with serious damage to their bank balance.

Pennymead 11 October

David Druett held a room sale at the Bonnington to offer in the main Michael Oliver's splendid Leeward Islands. Michael has a refined taste and his collection would not have surprised those who have studied his excellent Leeward Islands, Notes for Philatelists or viewed his displays. Specialised small keyplates in quantity, rare stationery and some excellent maritime items were the highlights. David was disappointed by the prices for the keyplates, which did not seem to attract the feeding frenzy of recent years, but Michael will have been comforted by the healthy prices for the stationery (particularly the commercially used items) and for the RMSP manuscript covers (£1.5k for each of the Solents, £1.9k for the Esk and £800 for the Eden on wrapper, all plus 5%). The rest of the sale was a mishmash of offerings from all over. Those hoping for substantive sections of Walker Grenada and McCann Virgin Is will have been disappointed, but I understand there is plenty more to come in future Pennymead sales.

Victoria Stamp Company 11 October

When I wrote in my last column that Phoebe's October sale would include a "nice Bermuda collection" I was unaware of the feast that was due - built around the comprehensive collection of Nicholas Chalmers, a name new to me, it contained something for every taste. I was one of many who were able to view at Stampex and that persuaded me to become one of the dreaded phone bidders. Much good it did me, as the prices were uniformly high and often well beyond my range. It appears that the pre-sale rumours of a "new heavy hitter" for the large keyplates were correct.

The highlight was a battle between a room bidder and a phone bidder (who came on for this one lot only) for the 12/6 revenue on the front cover used in Feb 1937 with a 12 flaw. This unique item finally went to the phone for \$9k (all prices plus 15%). Phoebe estimates very accurately based on her retail experience but in the GVI period in particular many lots sold for well above estimate. The top left block of the 12/6 first printing (ex Frederick Bell) fetched \$8k (SG cat price £1.9k) and similar blocks of the 2/- and 5/- were \$700 and \$1.2k respectively. There was strong demand for the pos 22 broken tail flaw on the 2/-, 2/6 and 10/- line perfs, which cost their buyers \$4.6k in all. Earlier in the sale a comprehensive range of watermark varieties nearly all fetched above estimate, the rarities being the 6d SG 10a inverted and the Tercentenary 1d SG 76 inverted and reversed. Both these were defective but fetched \$350 and \$450. These were rare exceptions to the pattern of much lower prices for inferior quality. Be warned. Phoebe's customers are discriminating.

Among the covers, one highlight was the splendid 1/- franking illustrated on the front cover showing the red H Paid mark, a princely \$5k. In the GV period my eye was caught by a postcard to Russia with an unrecorded straight line censor marking - unfortunately it caught other eyes too and Tom McMahon bought it for \$1.3k.

This is a catalogue where the prices paid merit careful study. The final take was \$230k and it is a testament to the resilience of the Bermuda market that there was hardly a bargain to be had in the nearly 600 lots, despite so much Bermuda being still on the market ex Dickgiesser and Ludington and with the major Leuhusen offering only three weeks away.

Shreves 18 October

The sale of Del Harris' Barbados was the feature of this sale for the BWI collector. I have met Del (a character from Oklahoma) several times at BCPSG events and he had assembled a pretty complete collection with many choice items with excellent pedigrees. Even with 100 lots, realising over \$130k, it was not extensively broken down, and hence there were a number of good remainder lots that occasioned fierce competition. The highest price, \$23k (plus 10%), was paid for the main collection of Britannias that was bought by one of our UK members. Although pleased to get the unique piece bearing two SG4b bisects for \$525, his big buy meant he had to forgo his return by Concorde and slum it on Virgin Atlantic. The strip of the unissued 6d perf 11-12 ½, ex Schenck, sold for \$13.5k to the book - Joseph Hackmey being the underbidder having put in a modest bid with the intention of reuniting it with his own strip. He did however buy some of the very fine series of 1d on 5/- provisionals. The damaged copy of the 1/- error of colour fetched \$5.25k

and the superb copy of the 4d compound perf, \$5k. The very rare booklets attracted feverish bidding with the rarest, from 1913, fetching \$2.7k, 1932 for \$1.35k, 1933 for \$2k and 1938 for \$2.2k. The other big price was for the imperf War tax pair at \$2.5k. Outstanding prices for lovely copies of difficult 1d stamps were \$1k for SG 19 and \$1.4k for SG37, both acquired by a discriminating Canadian member. Del had also assembled an extraordinary range of dandy roll watermark errors, the highlight being the GVI 5/- block with missing A for \$1.4k.

Huys-Berlingin Literature auction 18-19 October

This is not a BWI sale but with 7,485 lots it was certainly the largest and most comprehensive auction of philatelic literature ever held, and nearly all the BWI rarities were included. The sale took place in Dr Huys' home in a spectacular setting in the Liechtenstein mountains. Huys is a Belgian children's doctor who married the daughter of the famous Belgian collector Rene Berlingin, a past owner of the Sweden tre skilling error of colour and the two Post Office Mauritius. He owns one of the world's best collections of philatelic literature and started his auctions to dispose of his father-in-law's stamp collection and his own literature duplicates.

The attendance was small but select, including two leading BWI collectors, Federico Borromeo and Joseph Hackmey, a Bolaffi librarian and two well-known literature buffs, Brian Birch from the UK bidding for incunabala and the Swede Tomas Bjäringer, created the youngest RDP in 1974.

Because of the size of the sale, Huys set reserves that protected the sellers on the more common items but the rarities were fiercely fought for. On the BWI side, the sale was thin but Brunel's Br Guiana fetched SF 200 (plus 17%). There were very strong prices for some lovely bound runs of journals, many ex the Williams brothers.

Spink 29 October

The Leuhusen collection of Bermuda finally reached the auction block and Spink did it proud with a splendid catalogue showing nearly all the single lots in full colour. I had forecast that the unevenness of this collection would result in some bargains but I had not expected that so many of the regulars would simply fail to turn up. I was particularly delighted to note John Taylor's absence, which left only Messrs Harvey, Kinns, Lea and Muscott to contend with! The sale result (£295k, including the dreaded 15%) will have disappointed Spink and the heirs. There were of course several items that fetched their price but the "buzz" that persuades the fickle to exceed their limit and leads to silly prices was conspicuously absent. BWISC member John Hallam and I duelled elegantly at the outset but soon realised that there was enough for both of us, with him scoring on the rarest Crowned Circle (St Georges) at £950 (all prices plus 15%) and I scooping up a number of rare proofs at reserve. Dennis Mitton was the other member collector I recognised, who waited patiently for a couple of Boer War covers only to find the competition stronger in that section.

The results hinged on the three "big" items. The two Perots went for £42k and £62k respectively to the same phone bidder, a respectable one-third Gibbons for second grade copies but low in today's market where "heavy" items seem to find ready buyers. The Moncrieff looked cheap at £25k, below its 1988 price of £27.5k, and I am sure the phone bidder would have gone far higher. The other provisional covers failed to excite and one of our members was pleased to get the front cancelled with type H2 "6" for £2,200. For once the stamps fared better with the 3d on 1d fetching £9,500 mint and £7k used and the 1d on 2d missing stop £11k.

Scattered through the sale were some high prices of course, eg £1,100 for a mint block of QV SG 28ax watermark reversed and £3,800 for a plate block of the 12/6 lemon (which made the marginal block of 8 at £3,200 look cheap). However, I would judge many of the prices to have been 25-30% below realisations in recent major sales such as Ludington.

Spink 30 October

The Frazer BWI collection brought out the major players, including Taylor and one phone bidder who seemed hardly to concede. The Circle was strongly represented with the Br G twins Greenwood and Nathan supported by Simon Goldblatt so there was for once a full house of our VPs. Michael Medicott, Peter Longmuir, John Davis, Stephen Sugarman, Richard Foden and James Podger were also there and Phil McMurdie and Fitz Roett came in on the phones.

Although the start was slow, things got going with the Br Guiana. There were some astonishing prices for quite ordinary cotton-reels and there was strong bidding thereafter, with Simon Greenwood acquiring only two lots of substance. There were dozens of players with Kinns (for

Gibbons) and Taylor to the fore, often duelling extensively. Taylor obtained the 1c slate official imperf between for £11k and the lovely copy of SG 24 went to £6,500. The second cotton-reel cover was £7k and the 4c litho cover £6,800. There was then something of a lull until St Christopher, containing many spectacular blocks, was reached. The pick of these was the 4d blue with CA watermark at £3,200, exactly double Gibbons, bought by Taylor against the phones. He knew what he was doing, as I believe it is unique outside the Royal Collection. The rare 1d on 2 1/2d provisionals all went for close to the Gibbons prices. The next excitement was in St Vincent where the 6d strip with one stamp imperf between (or is it really imperf?) soared to £5,500. Competition was also strong for the five classic covers, which fetched £5,700 against upper estimates of £1,930.

Ben Ramkissoon had hoped to snare a couple of the Tobago gems but the phone bidder put his foot down. The undenominated colour trial (£110 in 1972) went for £2,800 (a similar trial for the popular Guiana went for £500) and the five lovely overprint varieties for £20,300 (plus the music) compared with Gibbons' listed prices of £17,400. Things stayed lively for the marvellous range of Turks provisional multiples with Taylor again to the fore. Our private banker member from Geneva failed to stay the pace for many of the items he had travelled over for – Taylor obviously has some big credit lines too.

The final take of £568k including the 15% must have been way above what Spink was expecting – in advance they were probably hoping each day's sales would gross £400k.

Upcoming events

One correction to previous advice, the incomparable Frazer Virgin Islands has been postponed until next April, to sighs of relief from those staggering under the weight of their October invoices.

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